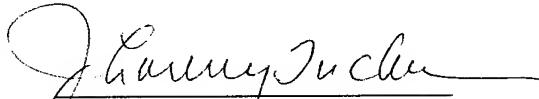


REMARKS

Applicants have cancelled all of the pending "radiation-sensitive medium" claims without prejudice. While Applicants disagree with the unpatentability rejection of those claims over US 6,252,003 on the merits, they are cancelling them to expedite grant of the remaining "printing plate precursor" claims that the Examiner has indicated are allowed. Applicants reserve the right to file additional related patent applications directed to the cancelled claims some time in the future.

In view of the foregoing amendments, reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested. A prompt and favorable action by the examiner to allow this application is earnestly solicited.

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